

LAWLESSNESS REE

**SITUATION IN ANTHRACITE REGION
GROWING CRITICAL.**

**Nonunionists Either Shot or Clubbed,
Houses of Miners Dynamited and
Other Crimes Committed.**

TROOPS IN FIVE COUNTIES

**AND CALLS MADE ON THE GOVERNOR
FOR MORE SOLDIERS.**

**Some of the Militiamen Are Strikers,
but All Have Obeyed the Call to
Preserve the Peace.**

TROUBLE IN LUZERNE COUNTY

**WILKESBARRE MILITIA MOBILIZED
TO AWE A FEW HOTHEADS.**

**Mr. Mitchell's Lieutenants Inclined to
Blame the Sheriff--Troops Wanted
at Susquehanna.**

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 24--Of the ten anthracite coal producing counties of Pennsylvania, State troops are to-night camped in five. Despite the presence of the troops in these districts, rioting and general lawlessness continues in the entire hard coal territory, from Forest City, Susquehanna county, on the north, to Williamstown, Dauphin county, on the south, a distance of more than 100 miles.

The section of the strike region in the vicinity of Forest City, which has been comparatively quiet ever since the strike began, was greatly wrought up to-day by crowds of strikers interfering with and beating men who had returned to work, and as a result Sheriff Maxey, of Susquehanna county, to-night asked Governor Stone for troops to assist him and other civil authorities to preserve the peace.

At present there are four full regiments, two companies of another and two troops of cavalry in the field. The Thirtieth Regiment is camped at Olyphant, six miles north of Scranton; the Ninth is quartered at its armory in Wilkesbarre; the Eighth Regiment and the Second Philadelphia City Troop are under canvas on the top of a hill overlooking Shenandoah; one battalion of the Twelfth Regiment and the Governor's troop are in the Panther creek valley, and one battalion of the Twelfth is preserving order in the city of Lebanon, where the iron and steel workers are on strike. If the disorder continues Governor Stone will be compelled to call our additional soldiers.

While there has been no big general riot, the disturbances have been of such a serious nature as to cause the authorities much apprehension. Every effort is being made by the sheriffs of the several counties affected and the troops to prevent disturbances from growing to such an extent as to cause bloodshed. Reports are coming in from every section of nonunion men and others being either shot or clubbed. Houses of workmen have been burned or dynamited and attempts have been made to hold up coal trains or derail them.

Copi is being shipped from many parts of the coal fields to market, but compared with the normal output, the quantity is insignificant. The output for this week will be considerably less than the average normal production of one day, which is about 300,000 tons. The strikers claim that very little of the coal is freshly mined and that it is mostly coal "washed" from the culm banks or has been stored at various points since before the strike began.

President Mitchell, of the miners' union, had no comment to make to-day on the movement of the troops into Luzerne county. He said the general strike situation is unchanged.

MILITIA AT WILKESBARRE.

**Ninth Regiment Ordered Out by the
Governor on Sheriff's Demand.**

WILKESBARRE, Pa., Sept. 24--In compliance with the request of Sheriff Jacobs and numerous other citizens of Luzerne county, Governor Stone issued an order at noon to-day ordering the Ninth Regiment, N. C. P., to mobilize at Wilkesbarre. The regiment has its headquarters here, and three hours after the order had been received Col. C. P. Dougherty, the commanding officer, had the regiment, with the exception of the Hazleton companies, ready for the field. The regiment consists of twelve companies, and has a membership of about 550. There was quite a number of mine workers in the regiment, but all responded readily to the call. Colonel Dougherty says he does not apprehend any serious trouble. He thinks a few hotheads in the strikers' ranks are responsible for the many outbreaks in the region last night and this morning.

Some of President Mitchell's lieutenants think the sheriff acted rather hastily and that the bringing of the troops here was for the purpose of enabling the mine owners to operate their collieries, but they would be disappointed, as the strikers were as determined as ever.

Sheriff Jacobs, in a statement issued to the public, said that the trouble was becoming too numerous, and with the limited number of men at his command he could not cope with the unlawful assemblies that gathered in various places throughout the county.

A Central Railroad of New Jersey coal train which was moving out of a mine siding at Warior Run last night was derailed by an open switch, which had been tampered with by unknown parties. The crew escaped by jumping and the cars were piled up in a big wreck.

A big crowd of strikers attempted to prevent the nonunion men employed at the Exeter colliery of the Lehigh Valley Coal Company at Sturtevantville from going to work this morning. A number of deputy sheriffs in charge of Thomas Burke tried to protect the workmen. A fight followed in which several shots were fired. David Richards, a fire boss, was shot in the leg, and David Harris and John P. Stroh were beaten on the heads with clubs. Burke was also knocked down with a stone and rendered unconscious. Coal and iron police finally dispersed the mob.

Magistrate Ethel, of West Pittston, issued warrants to-day for twenty-five of the ringleaders engaged in the riot. A crowd

of 500 men and boys refused to allow nonunion workmen to cross the Susquehanna river bridge at Nanticoke this morning. A deputy sheriff read the riot act and the mob dispersed. The presence of the military already has had good effect. Everything is quiet at the mines to-night.

General Gobin is expected here early tomorrow, and will probably make his headquarters here.

MOB AT FOREST CITY.

**Governor Asked to Send Troops to
Susquehanna County.**

SUSQUEHANNA, Pa., Aug. 24--An urgent request for troops was made to-night to Governor Stone by Sheriff Maxey, of Susquehanna county. To-day No. 2 colliery of the Hillside Coal and Iron Company, at Forest City, resumed operations and to-night as the men were returning from work they were set upon by a mob of 20 men, women and boys and followed to their homes and pelted with sticks and stones. Shots were fired on each side, but none took effect. After the men were driven to their homes the mob surged through the streets and by order of the mob all of the saloons of the borough were closed. So serious is the situation that Sheriff Maxey called the leading men of the borough together, and after conferring with them asked Governor Stone for troops.

SOLDIERS KEPT BUSY.

**Three Calls for the Thirtieth Regiment
to Quell Disturbances.**

SCRANTON, Pa., Sept. 24--Three calls were made on the Thirtieth Regiment to-day to quell disturbances. The first came at 9 o'clock in the morning from Johnson No. 2 colliery at Pricburg, where the strikers were holding up a coal train with obstructions to the track and threats against the train hands. Major B. Rushfield, with two companies, hurried thither on a special train and dispersed the crowd. This evening the same soldiers were called to the same place to disperse a crowd that was chasing nonunion men returning from work. Two strikers, one with an ax and the other with a knife, were arrested by the soldiers and taken to the camp.

About 5:30 p. m. two Hungarians were returning from work at the Temple Company's Strick creek colliery in Jessup and were chased by a crowd of strikers. The fugitives fired several shots and this brought the whole neighborhood to the scene. Half a dozen groups of nonunion men were chased by as many different crowds in as many different directions. Shots were

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TO CONTEST THE WILL

**HARRY STRATTON NOT SATISFIED
WITH BEQUEST OF \$50,000.**

**Wants Millions Left by His Father to
Build a Home for Sick People at
Colorado Springs.**

DENVER, Col., Sept. 24--Harry Stratton, of Pasadena, Cal., after a conference to-day in this city between his attorneys, Judge T. A. Gunnell, of Colorado Springs, and Wolcott & Valle, decided to contest the will of his father, Winfield S. Stratton, which left the bulk of his estate, estimated to be worth from \$100,000 to \$120,000, for the establishment of a home for poor sick people at Colorado Springs. Under the provisions of the will young Stratton forfeits the \$50,000 which his father bequeathed him by making a contest.

When the application for probate is made at Colorado Springs on Oct. 4, the contest will be instituted. It is understood that, aside from the allegations that the will is void on the ground of public policy and its visionary provisions, it will also be averred that W. S. Stratton was mentally incompetent to dispose of his property. It is said that Wolcott & Valle will receive the bulk of the estate if they succeed in breaking the will.

Judge A. T. Gunnell, young Mr. Stratton's attorney, made the following statement for publication to-day: "We have practically decided to make the contest. But Mr. Stratton will not seek to disturb any bequest except that providing for the Myron Stratton Home. He will make the contest at the risk of losing the \$50,000 to which he is entitled under the will. No one has assured him that if he makes the contest he will lose the money. Mr. Stratton feels hurt by the provision in the will which gives all his father's diamonds, books and various other personal effects to a nephew. He interprets that as a reflection upon him. That portion of the will grieves him. Mr. Stratton was a man of great energy and we think that it shows conclusively that there was a disinclination on the part of the late Mr. Stratton to do justice to his own flesh and blood."

MARINES AT PANAMA

**THREE COMPANIES OF BLUE JACKETS
SENT ACROSS THE ISTHUS.**

Quartered on the Property of the
Railway Company and Seem to
Be Enjoying Themselves.

COLON, Colombia, Sept. 24--Three companies of United States marines who arrived here on the auxiliary cruiser Panther have reached Panama. They are quartered here yesterday at the barracks and the marines are ready for any emergency. The train guard which went out this morning was in charge of Lieut. Benjamin F. Rittenhouse. Up to the present time no marines have been stationed on the railroad line.

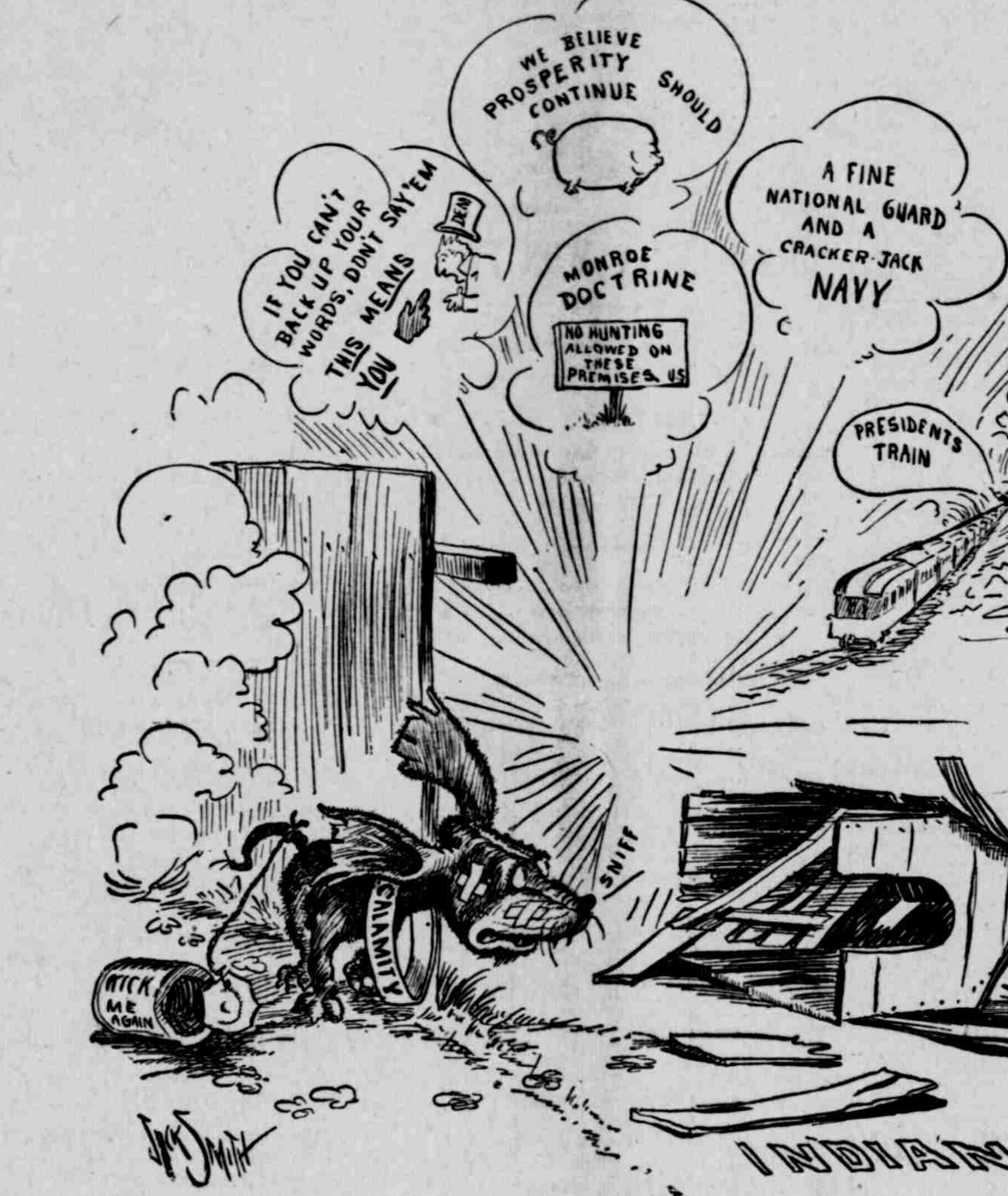
The marines seem to be enjoying themselves in their new barracks. They were coming to the barracks from the ship and seemed to be quite at home. Most of them have been in service in the Philippines and consequently do not object to the climate of the isthmus. They seem to be on good terms with the natives, who look at them with special curiosity. This morning one of the marines was trying to explain in the Tagalog dialect the manual of arms to a Colombian soldier. He was not very successful until a Jamaican came along who to the satisfaction of the soldier acted as interpreter.

ROYAL YACHT STRANDED.

**King Oscar's Pleasure Boat on the
Rocks in the Baltic.**

STOCKHOLM, Sweden, Sept. 24--King Oscar's yacht, with the crown princess, Princess Victoria, on board, has run on the rocks near Kalmars on the Baltic. Vessels have gone to the yacht's assistance.

AFTER THE CELEBRATION.



CALAMITY--"Have they gone?"

TRUTHS DRIVEN HOME

**SENATOR FAIRBANKS OPENS THE
CAMPAIGN IN WAYNE COUNTY.**

**He Is Enthusiastically Received and
Makes an Address Full of the Gospel
of Republicanism.**

MR. BEVERIDGE AT EVANSVILLE

**PARTY DOCTRINES AND ECONOMIC
TRUTHS ABLY SET FORTH.**

**A Great Crowd Hears Him--Proposition
for a Brick-Header Debate Rejected--Other State Politics.**

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

RICHMOND, Ind., Sept. 24--The Republican campaign in Wayne county was opened here to-night by Senator Charles W. Fairbanks, who spoke to a large audience at the Gennett Theater. The stage was occupied by a number of prominent citizens and was fittingly decorated with pictures, flags and plants. Mr. Fairbanks was introduced by William E. Wineburg, county chairman, in a brief speech and was enthusiastically received. His speech was a mass of indisputable evidence showing the prosperity that has come under Republican administration and the wisdom of Republican legislation. Speaking of the tariff he said that the Republicans are not committed to schedules but to the principle of protection, and that when it becomes necessary to revise the tariff the work will be done by the friends of the law and not by its enemies.

Under the head of trusts he said all that has been done in the way of anti-trust legislation has been done by the Republicans, and in his opinion all that will be done will be done by Republicans. The Panama canal, the gold standard and other public questions were touched on at some length. Senator Fairbanks complimented Wayne county on the fact that for forty-three years it has stood by the Republican party.

When Mr. Fairbanks arrived this afternoon he was met by a reception committee, and was taken for a drive over the city. He was entertained at the Westcott Hotel where he met a number of prominent citizens, before and after his address.

MR. BEVERIDGE'S ELOQUENCE

Enforces Great Truths on a Great Audience at Evansville.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

EVANSVILLE, Ind., Sept. 24--The Republican campaign in southern Indiana was auspiciously opened here to-night by United States Senator Albert J. Beveridge, who addressed an audience of more than 2,000. The senator was in fine voice and made a splendid and telling argument in which he gave the people much to think about. He took occasion during his speech to pay to Senator Fairbanks a neat compliment and then told the people why the First Indiana district should return James A. Hemenway to Congress this fall. He pointed out the high position Mr. Hemenway has attained in the House and of his great value not only to his district but to the Nation.

The senator mentioned the Democratic party but once during his speech, but always alluded to it as the opposition. He praised President Roosevelt as a just and fearless executive, and told what he and a Republican Congress at his back would do to protect the people from the trusts. He said the policy of the Republican party was not to destroy industrial combinations, but to pass laws whereby they would come under the direct control of the government. "The trusts carry evils with them," he said, "and these the Republicans propose to eliminate. The three great evils of the trusts are the unjust raising of prices for the necessities of life, the unjust lowering of the wages of working people and the

THE SPEAKERS' BUREAU

AN ACTIVE CENTER AT REPUBLICAN HEADQUARTERS.

**Senator Charles W. Fairbanks Is
Scheduled for Several Speeches in
Adjoining States.**

HAS INDIANA ENGAGEMENTS

**PLACES WHERE OTHER SPEAKERS
OF NOTE WILL APPEAR.**

**Senator Beveridge Will Be Heard in
Michigan--Big Tomlinson Hall
Meeting on Oct. 8.**

One of the busiest places about Republican committee headquarters is the speakers' bureau, where the appointments for different public speakers for the campaign are being made. Notwithstanding the fact that Indiana will want to hear a good deal from her own speakers, the state committee will be obliging and has arranged for some of the Indiana orators to go outside the State. At the request of the Republican national committee Senator Fairbanks has promised to make speeches in the following cities: Columbus, O., Oct. 6; Chicago, Oct. 7; Jackson, Mich., Oct. 8; Detroit, Mich., Oct. 9; Milwaukee, Wis., Oct. 10; Minneapolis, Minn., Oct. 11.

Indiana engagements are announced for Senator Fairbanks as follows: Wingate, Sept. 25 (afternoon), Lafayette at night; Brazil, Sept. 27 (afternoon), Terre Haute at night; Columbus, Sept. 29; Paoli, Sept. 30 (afternoon), Mitchell at night; Bedford, Oct. 1; Washington, Oct. 2; Bloomfield, Oct. 3 (afternoon), Linton at night; Clinton, Oct. 4; Shuts at night.

M. Dunlap, formerly mayor of Anderson, will speak at Shelbyville Saturday night. Union B. Hunt is down for a speech at this afternoon at 2 o'clock. W. H. Sanders will speak at Otterbein to-night and Newton W. Gilbert will speak there this afternoon. F. B. Posey and W. L. Taylor are scheduled for meetings at Winfield to-morrow. Other engagements announced are as follows: Charles W. Miller, Plymouth, Sept. 27; Newton W. Gilbert, Connersville, Sept. 27 (afternoon), Frank B. Shuts at night.

Among the engagements made for Daniel E. Storms, candidate for secretary of state, are the following: Tippecanoe, Sept. 28; Princeton, Sept. 30; Mount Vernon, Oct. 1; Poseyville, Oct. 2; Vincennes, Oct. 3; Shoals, Oct. 4; Bedford, Oct. 5; Ellettsville, Oct. 7; West Lebanon, Oct. 8; Mulberry, Oct. 9; Flora, Oct. 10; Warsaw, Oct. 11.

Gurley Brower, a Republican orator of this city, is campaigning this week in Spencer county in the First district.

BIG MEETING PLANNED.

**Eloquent Representatives in Congress
May Be Here Oct. 8.**

Arrangements are being made for a big Republican meeting at Tomlinson Hall the night of Oct. 8. Speakers of national prominence are announced. One is James S. Sherman, representative in Congress from New York, who has been mentioned in connection with the house speakership. Mr. Sherman was one of the eloquent orators at the Grant dinner given in this city last winter. Another of the orators will be Edward B. Vreeland, also a representative in Congress from New York. Major Alexander McDowell, ex-congressman from Pennsylvania and the present clerk of the House of Representatives, is also expected to speak. The Marion county Republican committee is perfecting the arrangements for the meeting and every effort will be made to make the meeting a success.

BEVERIDGE'S APPOINTMENTS.

**The Senator Will Be Kept Busy on a
Speaking Tour.**

Senator Albert J. Beveridge will speak at a Republican convention to be held at Grand Rapids, Mich., to-night, which is understood to be the opening of the campaign in that locality. The senator, who spoke at Evansville last night, will proceed to Grand Rapids by way of Chicago. To-morrow night the senator will speak at Huntington and he will deliver an address at Greens-

JAY COOKE'S CONDITION.

**Famous Financier Suffers a Second
Attack of Congestion of the Brain.**

PUT-IN BAY, O., Sept. 24--Jay Cooke, who suffered an attack of congestion of the brain at his summer residence on Gibraltar island, last evening, is reported to-day to be in a critical condition. He was stricken with a second attack early to-day, but rallied later and the physicians are now hopeful of his recovery.

Mr. Cooke's condition was much improved to-night and the physicians hold out the hope of a rapid recovery.

PRESIDENT'S HOME

**STOOD THE JOURNEY TO WASHINGTON
REMARKABLY WELL.**

**Freer from Pain than When He Left
Indianapolis, and Was in Good
Spirits All Yesterday.**

TALKED WITH HIS FRIENDS

**CHATTED PLEASANTLY ABOUT HIS
CONDITION AND PLANS.**

**Will Visit the Northwest in the Spring
and Probably Extend His Trip
to the Coast.**

MR. CORTELYOU'S STATEMENT

**PRESIDENT MAY BE ABLE TO USE
HIS LEG IN TEN DAYS.**

**Greeted by Mrs. Roosevelt on Arrival
at the Capital--Kind Words for
Indianapolis.**

WASHINGTON, Sept. 24--President Roosevelt returned to Washington at half past 6 o'clock to-night, via the Pennsylvania Railroad from Indianapolis, where he had been compelled to abandon his Northwestern trip because of an abscess on his leg which developed as a result of a strolley accident at Pittsfield, Mass. He stood the journey from Indianapolis remarkably well, and when he was carried in a wheel chair from the railroad car to his carriage he was in excellent spirits and appeared to be free from any pain.

With Mrs. Roosevelt, the President was driven directly to the temporary White House in Jackson place, where, according to the present arrangement, he will remain until the wound is healed and he is able again to be on his feet. The President was taken to his room on the second floor of the house and made comfortable and his wound dressed. Later he was reported to be resting easily and the expectation is that within ten days the President will be himself again.

The trip home from Indianapolis was an uneventful one. He remained in bed all day and executive business on the train practically was discontinued. Few letters or telegrams were written or received. A telegram was put on the train at Pittsburg from Mrs. Roosevelt stating that she had left Oyster Bay for Washington. The President slept all through the night until 8 o'clock this morning. Even the notes in the desk of the Emperor Yi Hieung had been remained in the early morning for about twenty minutes, failed to awaken him.

IN GOOD HUMOR.

When Dr. Lung went to the President's stateroom shortly before 9 o'clock, he found his patient in rare good humor and excellent physical condition, barring the wound on his leg. The slight fever which the President had yesterday afternoon had disappeared and his temperature was normal. In fact he felt so well that he told the doctor he would like to get up and go into the parlor of his car. Dr. Lung strongly protested against this, telling the President that it was absolutely necessary for him to remain quiet and President Roosevelt good-naturedly gave in. The pain in his leg had practically disappeared and the conditions there were so favorable that the doctor did not think it necessary to redress the limb. The President's leg is tightly bandaged and Dr. Lung does not look for a recurrence of the swelling, although this would be nothing unusual and would cause no alarm.

During the forenoon's run, in describing his condition to a caller, the President said he could feel that something had happened there. He thought about it all of all. After eating a hearty breakfast, the President called for a book, remarking that as he was an invalid, he proposed to enjoy himself. He was propped up in bed with his left leg on a pillow and spent most of the day in reading.

The running time of the train was slow in order to reduce the jar and as few stops as possible were made. Whenever the train stopped, crowds gathered about the President's carriage, but there was no cheering. All the people seemed anxious to hear the latest information regarding the President's condition and the members of his party who stepped from the train were pilled with questions.

CHATTED WITH HIS FRIENDS.

After dinner the President expressed a desire to see the members of his party, and they went to the stateroom as a group. He chatted pleasantly with all of them and expressed his great disappointment at not being able to continue the trip. He said he had strongly opposed the decision of the doctors to have the operation performed at Indianapolis. He wanted to continue his journey and make the speeches he had planned, but finally yielded to the strong pleading of the doctors, who represented that there was danger, if not properly attended to, that the bone might become affected and an affliction result that it would take months to cure. The President yielded, but remarked that in his younger days he had broken a rib and his collar bone at sheer herding, but had not allowed it to interfere with his work. In his talk with his callers the President made known his determination to visit the West next spring, when he will extend his trip as far as the coast, during which time he will visit all the States in which he is expected to stop on the trip just ended. The President feels very close to the people of the Northwest and many of his hearers were spent in that section and it was there that he raised his regiment of Rough Riders at the outbreak of the Spanish-American war. He will allow nothing to stand in his way of going there in the spring.

He had nothing but kind words to say of the treatment he received from the staff of St. Vincent's Hospital at Indianapolis, where he was operated upon. One of them was a nurse at Montauk when the great hospital was established on a long island after the Spanish war, and she reminded the President of the fact that she had often seen him there and had admired him for the way in which he looked after the comforts of his men. The President was delighted to meet her and conversed with her for some time.

When the train bearing the President rolled into the station to-night there was a large crowd awaiting his arrival, but a special detail of police and detectives kept them in the lobby and few were able to see him. Mrs. Roosevelt, who had reached the city during the day from Oyster Bay, had been waiting in the lobby at the station. She was accompanied by Rear Admiral P. M. Hixey, formerly the physician attached to the presidential household.

RUMOR FROM SEOUL

**EMPEROR YI HIEUNG, OF KOREA,
REPORTED TO BE DEAD.**

**No Details or Confirmation of the Rumor--Advices Last Monday Said
Cholera Was Raging.**

PARIS, Sept. 24--In a dispatch from Seoul, Korea, the correspondent of the Figaro says it is reported that the Emperor of Korea is dead.

A dispatch to the Associated Press from Seoul, Korea, dated last Monday, said the celebration of the anniversary of the coronation of the Emperor Yi Hieung had been postponed in consequence of the spread of cholera there, but the real reason of the postponement was alleged to be lack of funds.

Yi Hieung succeeded to the throne in 1894. He assumed the title of Emperor in 1897. It was reported in 1898 that the Emperor had been poisoned and his temperature was normal. In fact he felt so well that he told the doctor he would like to get up and go into the parlor of his car. Dr. Lung strongly protested against this, telling the President that it was absolutely necessary for him to remain quiet and President Roosevelt good-naturedly gave in. The pain in his leg had practically disappeared and the conditions there were so favorable that the doctor did not think it necessary to redress the limb. The President's leg is tightly bandaged and Dr. Lung does not look for a recurrence of the swelling, although this would be nothing unusual and would cause no alarm.

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OUTrAGE ON OLD GLORY

**CIUDAD BOLIVAR SHELLED UNDER
COVER OF STARS AND STRIPES.**

Flag of the Free Hoisted by a Venezuelan Warship in Order to Deceive--An Apology Enforced.

PORT OF SPAIN, Isle of Trinidad, Sept. 24--A leading German merchant, who recently escaped from Ciudad Bolivar, arrived here yesterday and made a statement under oath before the officials here setting forth that on Aug. 23 the Venezuelan warship Restaurado, when steaming up the Orinoco river for the second time to again bombard Ciudad Bolivar, hoisted the American flag in order to be able to reach that city without arousing the suspicion of the inhabitants as to her identity, and that by this strategy the Restaurado reached the custom house at Ciudad Bolivar, and immediately opened fire on the center of the city, causing loss of life and damage to property in the quarters inhabited by foreigners. The merchant also stated that the foreign consuls and all the population of Ciudad Bolivar protested against the action of the Restaurado.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 24--The singular circumstance reported by the German merchant in the above cablegram was explained by the reception of two cablegrams from the United States Minister, Bowen, Caracas, at the State Department this afternoon. The first dispatch stated that the Venezuelan gunboat Restaurado had approached Ciudad Bolivar flying the American flag. She did not lower the flag until she was very close to the shore, when she opened fire upon the insurgents from her position there, creating great consternation. When the Restaurado returned to Laguayra, the fact was reported to Minister Bowen, who indignantly demanded a complete apology from the Venezuelan government and also that the flag of the United States be saluted by the offending ship.

A second cablegram from Mr. Bowen reports that the Venezuelan government promptly acceded to these terms, made a suitable apology and the commander of the Restaurado hoisted the American flag and fired a national salute. The matter is still under consideration between the State and Navy Departments.

HORROR NEAR MOSCOW.

**Over 100 Wedding Guests Suffocated
or Burned to Death.**

LONDON, Sept. 24--A special dispatch from St. Petersburg says that while 400 peasants were attending a wedding celebration yesterday in a barn at Werba, near Moscow, a fire was started from a cigarette and a panic ensued. Women and children were trodden underfoot. The wedding guests were crowded into a small quarter of an hour over 100 of the wedding guests had been suffocated or burned